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OCTOBER 18, 2026

XXIX SUNDAY IN O.T.
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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Time	Language
6:15 am	English
8:00 am	English
5:30 pm	Español

SATURDAY

Time	Language
8:00 am	English
5:00 pm	English (<i>Saturday Vigil</i>)

SUNDAY

Time	Language
7:30 am	English
9:00 am	English
10:30 am	English
12:30 pm	Español
5:30 pm	English
7:00 pm	Italiano (<i>1st Sunday, Monthlily</i>)

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

Priests are available to hear Confessions every Saturday morning, from 8:30am to 10:00am in the church or by private appointment.



CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER - RETILLY PARISH CENTER

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address

2711 Indian Mound Trail
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Contact

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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



To our newly Baptized, welcome to the Catholic Church!

- Emilia Patricia Hernandez
- Catalina Sofia Medina
- Nicolas Velasquez Borbon



Congratulations and God's blessings to our newly married couples:

- Nicholas Farrat & Allison Dopazo
- Robert Salter & Jennifer Dusovic
- Gilberto Barrios & Sabrina Ortega



Rest in Peace. Let us pray for our recently deceased:

- Ryan Lowe
- Francisco Valdes
- Kandi Lynn Arce
- Alfonso Rodriguez
- Victor Manuel Aguila

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance. Visit cotlf.org/baptism for more information.
- Arreglos de bautizos se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con dos (2) meses de anticipación. Visitar cotlf.org/baptism para mas información.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance. Visit cotlf.org/weddings for more information.
- Arreglos de bodas se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con seis (6) meses de anticipación. Visitar cotlf.org/weddings para mas información.

SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

OCTOBER 11TH

Attendance:	2,304
In-Church Collection:	\$ 11,643
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 18,335
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 298
Children's Collection:	\$ 491
Devotional Candles:	\$ 1,004
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 241

Thank you for your generosity!

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Weekend Total: \$ 32,012

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat, 5:00 pm	Dibe Martin & Nick Di Gregorio's Wedding Anniversary
7:30 am	+ Ray And Georgia Pearson
9:00 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populō</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Francisco Pinedo
5:30 pm	+ Arsenio y Ada Gonzalez
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am	+ Calixto M. Chavez
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

Tuesday of Week XXIX in Ordinary Time
Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

6:15 am	Adolfo Diaz, Jr.'s Birthday
8:00 am	+ Martha Stockhausen
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

Wednesday of Week XXIX in Ordinary Time

6:15 am	Oscar Mario Pollo's Birthday
8:00 am	Michael Bolander
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

Thursday of Week XXIX in Ordinary Time
Memorial of St. John Paul II, Pope

6:15 am	Kyle O'Rourke's Birthday
8:00 am	Fernando Tello
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>
7:00 pm	<i>Mass of St. John Paul II with Relic</i>

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

Friday of Week XXIX in Ordinary Time
Memorial of St. John of Capistrano, Priest

6:15 am	+ Vivian Coello Peña
8:00 am	+ Carmen Subia
5:30 pm (Spanish)	<i>Misa Comunitaria</i>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

Saturday of Week XXIX in Ordinary Time
Memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:00 am	Ashley Dominguez' Birthday
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

XXX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat, 5:00 pm	Alexis & Ester Gartner's 25th Wedding Anniversary
7:30 am	Katherin Delva's Birthday
9:00 am	Fr. David Zallocco's Birthday
10:30 am	<i>Missa Pro Populō</i> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm (Spanish)	+ Roberto Rodriguez
5:30 pm	+ Clara Miriam Sosa Paez
7:00 pm (Italian)	Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAYS

11:30 am	Carmel of Elijah (Cafeteria) - <i>Once Monthly</i>
1:30 pm	Homeless Ministry Service Outing (Varies) - <i>Once Monthly</i>

MONDAYS

10:00 am	Seekers Bible Study (Zoom) - <i>Biweekly</i>
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 pm	Talleres de Oracion y Vida (Chapel Conf. Room)
7:30 pm	Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio (Morras Conf. Room)
7:30 pm	Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conf. Room)

TUESDAYS

7:45 am	That Man is You Men's Group (Comber Hall)
8:30 am	Holy Face Devotion (Church)
7:00 pm	OCIA Adult Formation Classes (STS Cafeteria)
7:30 pm	Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House)
8:00 pm	English Charismatic Prayer (Chapel Conf. Room)

WEDNESDAYS

4:00 & 6:30 pm	Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School)
7:30 pm	Women's Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)
8:00 pm	Oración Carismática en Español (Morras Conf. Room)

THURSDAYS

7:45 am	Walking with Purpose Women's Group (Comber Hall)
6:00 pm	Amor en Accion (Morras Conf. Room) - <i>Biweekly</i>
7:00 pm	Schola Cantorum / Parish Choir (STS Music Room)
7:00 pm	Scouts (Cafeteria)
7:30 pm	Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)
8:00 pm	Communion & Liberation (Chapel Conf. Room)

FRIDAYS

10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Reilly Conf. Room) - <i>3rd Friday</i>
6:00 pm	American Heritage Girls (STS Cafeteria) - <i>2nd & 4th Friday</i>
6:30 pm	Singles Ministry (STS Cafeteria)
8:00 pm	Marriage Covenant (Zoom)

SATURDAYS

7:00 am	First Saturday Devotion / Rosary (Church)
9:00 am	Baptism Preparation Classes (Reilly Parish Center)

OTHER MINISTRIES

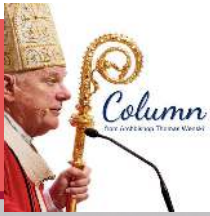
Grieving with Great Hope Bereavement Ministry
Liturgical Ministries (Altar Servers, EMHCs, Lectors, Ushers)

Greyed out ministries are not currently meeting.
Visit www.cotlf.org/ministries for more details about each group.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Sunday	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
Monday	Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday	Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday	Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40



MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

World Mission Sunday, October 18 this year, marks the 100th anniversary of this worldwide day of prayer and giving to support the activities of the Church in “mission lands”. Pope Leo XIV has chosen a theme that expresses beautifully what World Mission Sunday is about: “One in Christ, united in mission.” Our unity in Christ means that we belong to one another and we share in a common mission: to bring the gospel to all nations. World Mission Sunday allows us to express an affective solidarity with those working in mission lands to spread the gospel; and the collection taken up at all Masses throughout the world also allows us to express an effective solidarity with them by helping to provide them with resources to carry out their mission. The Pontifical Mission Societies manage and distribute what is collected on World Mission Sunday on behalf of the Pope.

“One in Christ, united in mission,” we are asked to support those who work in “mission fields” far from our home parishes. Today, in more than 1,100 mission territories around the world, local Churches depend upon the prayers and generosity of Catholics elsewhere. Through the World Mission Sunday collection, we help form seminarians and religious, support catechists, sustain priests and dioceses, and provide the basic resources that allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in communities across the globe.

Pope Leo XIV, who knows missionary life personally from his more than 20 years of service in Peru, reminds us in his message for this year's World Mission Sunday that the Church is called to bring God's faithful love “to all people, especially those who are most in need.”

For 100 years, World Mission Sunday has given Catholics a concrete way to answer that call together.

As a young priest, like Pope Leo, I too was a missionary priest – but a missionary priest in my own “backyard”. After a brief time in Haiti, I devoted almost 20 years of my ministry in South Florida to Haitian Catholics as they struggled to build new lives in this country.

One of the great lessons of my priesthood was that mission is never one-way street. Like other missionaries, I learned that I received more than I gave from the people I served. The distinction between a Church that “gives” and a Church that “receives” is never as simple as it might appear.

Here in the Archdiocese of Miami, we have given generously but we have received so much more. That we are members of a “universal” Church that embraces “all nations” is visible every day. Our local Church has been immeasurably enriched by Catholics who came here from Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela and countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. They brought with them their languages, devotions, traditions but, above all, their faith.

My encounters with their resilient faith, their deep trust in God's providence that remained strong even amid tremendous hardship helped me to appreciate what it means to belong to a truly universal church.

This centennial year is particularly meaningful for the Church in the United States. On September 24th, we celebrated the beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, who spent 16 years as National Director of The Pontifical Mission Societies, which oversees the World Mission Sunday collection on behalf of the Pope.

Archbishop Sheen worked tirelessly to enlarge the missionary imagination of American Catholics. He wanted us to understand that the Church extends far beyond the boundaries of our own parish or country, and that the needs of Catholics half a world away concern us precisely because they are members of the same Body of Christ.

That message should resonate deeply with us in South Florida. We know from our own families and parishes that borders do not divide the Body of Christ.

In the Church, there are no strangers. There are only brothers and sisters, called together to be one in Christ, united in mission.

On October 18, I ask you to pray for missionaries and for the communities they serve. And when the World Mission Sunday collection is taken up in your parish, please give generously according to your means.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



MENSAJE DEL ARZOBISPO

Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

El Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, que este año se celebra el 18 de octubre, marca el centenario de esta jornada mundial de oración y generosidad en apoyo de las actividades de la Iglesia en las “tierras de misión”. El papa León XIV ha elegido un lema que expresa bellamente el significado del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones: “Uno en Cristo, unidos en la misión”. Nuestra unidad en Cristo significa que nos pertenecemos unos a otros y que compartimos una misión común: llevar el Evangelio a todas las naciones. El Domingo Mundial de las Misiones nos permite expresar una solidaridad afectiva con quienes trabajan en tierras de misión para difundir el Evangelio; y la colecta que se realiza en todas las Misas alrededor del mundo también nos permite expresar una solidaridad efectiva con ellos, ayudándolos a contar con los recursos necesarios para llevar a cabo su misión. Las Obras Misionales Pontificias administran y distribuyen, en nombre del Papa, lo recaudado durante el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones.

“Uno en Cristo, unidos en la misión”, se nos pide apoyar a quienes trabajan en “campos de misión” lejos de nuestras parroquias. Hoy, en más de 1,100 territorios de misión alrededor del mundo, las Iglesias locales dependen de las oraciones y la generosidad de los católicos de otros lugares. A través de la colecta del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, ayudamos a formar seminaristas y religiosos, apoyamos a catequistas, sostenemos a sacerdotes y diócesis, y proporcionamos los recursos básicos que permiten a la Iglesia proclamar el Evangelio en comunidades de todo el mundo.

El papa León XIV, quien conoce personalmente la vida misionera por sus más de 20 años de servicio en Perú, nos recuerda en su mensaje para el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones de este año que la Iglesia está llamada a llevar el amor fiel de Dios “a todas las personas, especialmente a las más necesitadas”.

Durante 100 años, el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones ha ofrecido a los católicos una manera concreta de responder juntos a ese llamado.

Como joven sacerdote, al igual que el papa León, yo también fui sacerdote misionero, pero un sacerdote misionero en mi propio “patio”. Después de un breve tiempo en Haití, dediqué casi 20 años de mi ministerio en el sur de la Florida a los católicos haitianos mientras luchaban por construir una nueva vida en este país.

Una de las grandes lecciones de mi sacerdocio fue que la misión nunca es un camino de una sola dirección. Como otros misioneros, aprendí que recibí más de lo que di de las personas a quienes serví.

La distinción entre una Iglesia que “da” y una Iglesia que “recibe” nunca es tan sencilla como podría parecer.

Aquí, en la Arquidiócesis de Miami, hemos dado generosamente, pero hemos recibido mucho más. Que somos miembros de una Iglesia “universal” que abraza a “todas las naciones” es algo visible cada día. Nuestra Iglesia local se ha enriquecido inmensamente gracias a los católicos que llegaron aquí desde Haití, Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela y países de toda Hispanoamérica y el Caribe. Trajeron consigo sus idiomas, devociones y tradiciones, pero, sobre todo, su fe. Mis encuentros con su fe resiliente y con su profunda confianza en la providencia de Dios, que permaneció firme incluso en medio de enormes dificultades, me ayudaron a comprender mejor lo que significa pertenecer a una Iglesia verdaderamente universal.

Este año del centenario tiene un significado especial para la Iglesia en Estados Unidos. El 24 de septiembre celebramos la beatificación del arzobispo Fulton J. Sheen, quien durante 16 años fue director nacional de las Obras Misionales Pontificias, que supervisan la colecta del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones en nombre del Papa.

El arzobispo Sheen trabajó incansablemente para ampliar la visión misionera de los católicos estadounidenses. Quería que comprendiéramos que la Iglesia se extiende mucho más allá de los límites de nuestra propia parroquia o país, y que las necesidades de los católicos que se encuentran al otro lado del mundo nos conciernen precisamente porque son miembros del mismo Cuerpo de Cristo.

Ese mensaje debería resonar profundamente entre nosotros en el sur de la Florida. Sabemos, por nuestras propias familias y parroquias, que las fronteras no dividen el Cuerpo de Cristo.

En la Iglesia no hay extraños. Solo hay hermanos y hermanas, llamados juntos a ser uno en Cristo, unidos en la misión.

El 18 de octubre, les pido que recen por los misioneros y por las comunidades a las que sirven. Y cuando se realice la colecta del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones en su parroquia, por favor, den generosamente de acuerdo con sus posibilidades.

Sinceramente en Cristo,



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OCTOBER 24, 2026 7:30 PM

Pre-concert Presentation 7:00 PM



RESPECT LIFE MONTH BABY ITEMS COLLECTION

Join us for a community baby shower through the end of the month, in honor of October as Respect Life Month!

The COTLF Respect Life Ministry has placed 2 large boxes for the collection of baby items in the vestibule of the church.

All donations will help support the invaluable work of the South Dade Pregnancy Center. Mothers and Babies are in need of:

Diapers, Baby Formula, Wipes,
Body Wash and Lotions, Diaper Bags, and Baby Clothes

Thank you for your generosity and support!

2027 MASS INTENTIONS

Offering a Mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons; for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, for someone who is ill, or for someone celebrating a special occasion.

The 2027 Mass Intentions Book
will open on Tuesday, November 3rd.



2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: WORLD MISSIONS

Mission belongs to the entire Church. Every baptized person is called to share God's love through prayer, generosity, and witness. Inspired by the dedication of missionaries around the world, we continue working together so that the message of Christ may reach every community, especially those most in need.

The collection helps priests in the missions carry out their work to spread the Gospel.

"I would like to thank the Pontifical Mission Societies for their service to missionary cooperation, which I experienced with gratitude during my ministry in Peru."

- Pope Leo XIV (Jan 25, 2026)

Please help support the work of World Missions
through the in-pew collection this weekend or give online now.





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A quick note about **ADMISSIONS & TOURS**

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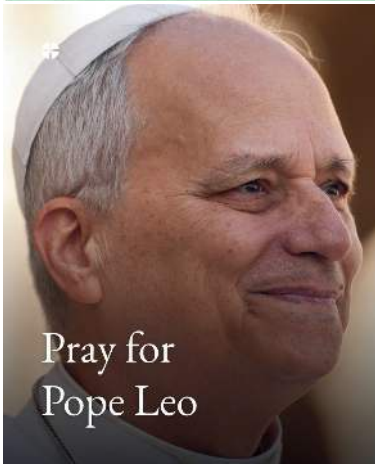
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PRAY FOR POPE LEO

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, look graciously, we pray, on your servant Leo XIV, whom you have set over us. Keep him safe in your care, uphold him by your power, and grant that, strengthened by you, he may lead the Church ever more effectively along the paths of salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

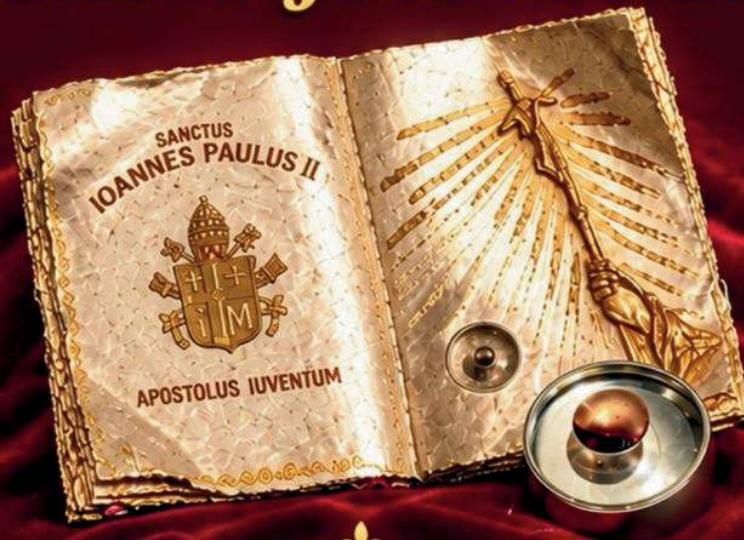


Pray for
Pope Leo



The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary
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HOLY MASS AND VENERATION OF THE *Relic* OF SAINT JOHN PAUL II



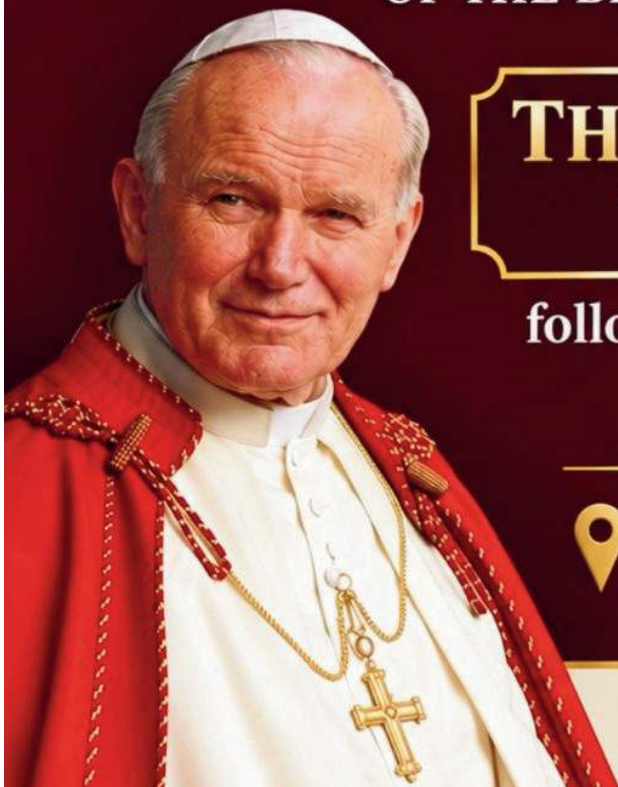
VENERATION OF THE OFFICIAL PILGRIM RELIC
OF THE BLOOD OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
7:00 pm Holy Mass

followed by the veneration of the relic
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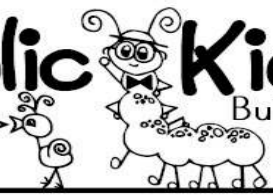
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Catholic Kids Bulletin

October 18, 2026
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Give the
Lord glory
and honor.

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Bow your head while you pray to help you focus on being humble before God.

Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi was a monk who gave away everything he had. He was very cheerful and helped others be happy. What can you do to make someone happy today?



How many birds are listening to Saint Francis?

He was a great preacher; even the birds listened when he talked about God.



Circle the gifts that you have.
Use those gifts to help people learn about God!

Sports

Music

Friendship

Kindness

Sharing

Listening

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Jesus is teaching his disciples to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's. What gifts do you have to give to God?





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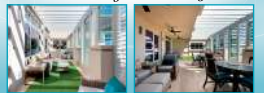


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